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ALMA

Dn Dec. 8, in accordance with a special letter from Fr. General, Fr. Rudolph pronounced the vows of the solemn profession. Fr. Provincial (C. O'Sullivan) celebrated the Mass and received the vows. The occasion was graced by the presence of a large number of visitors, and by some excellent entertainment by the theologians.

Fr. J. Curran gave the triduum here, Fr. McShane at Los Gatos, and Fr. Wall at Holy Name Novitiate.

In a series of excellent talks, Fr. John Ford gave the theologians the benefit of his extensive studies on the problem of alcoholism.

Mr. Robert McClay, well-known San Francisco artist, stimulated lively discussion with his capable presentation of some of the theories of contemporary art.

First-hand information on some aspects of labor-management relations was given in an interesting lecture by Mr. Duane Anderson, San Francisco head of the CIO. Mr. Anderson is also prefect of the Gentlemen's Sodality at St. Ignatius Church.

The Salesian theologians from Aptos visited Alma Oct. 20 for the annual ball game and dinner.

On the same day, Mr. Egues, third-year theologian from Ecuador, arrived to complete his studies at Alma.

Thirty theologians gave blood at the local Red Cross Bank on Nov. 8.

In the Nov. 23 disputation, brilliant defenses were given by Mr. Killeen (De Gratia) and Mr. Schlatter (De Verbo).

AZUSA

The retreat groups continue very large, and if the growth continues thought must be given to expanding facilities. The Oct. 7th weekend found 59 men in attendance, and Nov. 4th 55. A comfortable capacity is 50. Other groups were correspondingly large.

Three of our four men go out each Sunday to binate in various nearby parishes, leaving the retreat master to binate at home. As to other outside activities, Fr. Nagle gave a weekend retreat for women at the Monastery of the Angels in Hollywood; Fr. Savage preached the Forty Hours in St. Frances Church, Azusa, and also addressed the Catholic Women at San Marino Parish; Fr. Connolly was speaker at Third Degree initiation banquet of K.C.s at Fontana, and Fr. Vaughan addressed a luncheon club in Pasadena for National Church Week. Fr. Maginnis from Santa Clara and Fr. Domachowski from Loyola High came to Manresa for their annual retreats. Fr. Savage went from Manresa to Phoenix to make his retreat. Fr. Nagle went to St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica for a few days check-up, yet he found time not only for his ordinary chores at Manresa, but also for a Day of Recollection at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra and an address to the Catholic Women in Acradia.

Visitors during the month were Fr. Wm. Rice and Fr. James Healy.

BELLARMINE

Fr. Corvi gave a "Day of Recollection" to the public high school girls of San Jose. His monthly newsletter is well received by parents and students for he gives many practical ideas about character formation, study, and discipline.

Fr. Pettid is arousing a lot of

enthusiasm in his speech classes by his varied program of contests. He also tests the boys individually on a tape recorder.

Fr. Stretch is conducting a class in English pronunciation at noontime for the foreign students. He is having a great success.

Under the direction of Fr. Coffey, the Jesuit Mothers' Club has had several meetings and parties. Frs. Healy and Gerald Leahy gave talks recently.

Bro. Marshall is building up the new faculty library with an excellent selection of biblical, patristic, apologetic, and literary works. He has been especially successful in obtaining at a reasonable price sets of the Fathers and good books about the Bible.

Fr. Conway gave a lecture about "The Christian Attitude Toward Women" to the Knights of Columbus in Redwood City.

Fr. Plushkell gave a talk on "Discipline" to the Dads' Club of St. Leo's School.

Fr. Copeland addressed the Convention of the "California War Mothers" and the "Youth Guidance Foundation" of San Francisco.

Fr. Rector gave talks to Notre Dame Mothers' Club in San Jose and to the St. Joseph's Dads' Club, Mountain View.

On Veterans' Day Fr. Copeland, a veteran of World Wars I and II and chaplain of the State American Legion and of the National Guard, gave a talk at the Memory Post of the American Legion in San Jose.

The 1955 Annual, "The Carillon," received two top awards: All-Catholic honors; First Place from the National Scholastic Press Association in a contest with over 700 yearbooks.

Fr. Conway, the moderator, and Mr. Romano, the director, announce that the annual Drama Festival will be held on December 12th. The 1925 and 1926 winners will be judges.

Mr. Van Dorn is coaching the 130 pound basketball team.

The varsity football team won four, tied two, and lost one. Merced game is coming up.

Fr. Devlin, the school chaplain, is writing a regular column for "The Cardinal." His T.D. Club (Twice Daily Visits to the Blessed Sacrament) is flourishing.

Fr. Gruye, the field representative, has sent new literature to parents, alumni, and to the parishes of Northern California.

The marching band made its debut at the Serra game. In pure white uniforms, trimmed in royal blue, the 31-piece band came to a halt before the stands and played the National Anthem. Mr. Morris is the moderator of the band and orchestra.

Messrs. Straukamp, Buckley, and Burke judged the annual Sophomore Oratorical Contest. The winners were coached by Messrs. Callaghan, Taheny, and Van Dorn.

Dads' Club and the Mother's Guild

A very large crowd attended the Annual Dessert-Bridge of the Bellarmine Mothers' Guild at the end of October. Slightly over twenty-two hundred dollars for the Building Fund were realized.

The Dads' Club has continued to be very active. At their regular meeting in November, attended by 115 Dads, Fr. Plushkell was presented a check for $3746, realized from the sale of season football tickets.

Student Congress of the NFL was held on the campus on Oct. 22. Superior Senator was John Cailleau; Speaker of the House, Darrell Salomon, who was also nominated for National Representative. In the Stanford Debate and Discussion Tournament (Oct. 28-9), Bellarmine won six out of their eight debates and came in third in the sweepstakes. The first Santa Clara Regional Tournament was held at Bellarmine on Nov. 5, with 175 students from 13 schools attending. Events were had in debating, original oratory, and dramatic and oratorical interpretation. Judges were supplied by local Teamster's Clubs, the Optimist Club, Bellarmine parents and faculty. At the lunch provided in the cafeteria, judges and visiting coaches expressed great appreciation for the success of the tourney and the efficient observ-

ance of the schedule.

With over 90 members enrolled, the Bellarmine chapter of the NFL is possibly the largest in Northern California.

Hobby-Lobby

A new activity on the campus is a shop for resident hobby enthusiasts, which, though not completed as yet, has already fostered the craftsman-like completion of a number of projects by the 27 hobby fans. The members have made some excellent improvements in the three social halls, have completed some 400 Sacred Heart badges and are approaching their goal of 1000. New equipment is making possible a continuing increase in membership.

BROPHY

Fr. Superior (Fr. F. Harrington) attended the dedication ceremonies at Sal Pointe High School in Tucson with Msgr. Gordon of St. Gregory's parish.

Our new heating system was turned on last week for a couple of days. It still needs adjustment, but we should have it for continuous use very soon.

A group of Brophy boys which comprise the St. Francis Youth Club recently won the Boy's Youth Club league. Fr. Henry, Brophy's basketball coach, was the mentor for the team. They won all their games except one. This week they will finish the last game for the championship. So far they have won the first two games of the tournament. Their record is 9-1.

The football team ended up with a victory over Parker, Arizona, 21-6.

Father Shepard, the director of the Apostleship of Prayer, gave all the sermons last Sunday in St. Francis Xavier's church.

Brophy High will present "The First Legion" on Sunday, Nov. 27, Monday, Nov. 28, and Tuesday, Nov. 29.

Brophy also won the Voice of Democracy contest in the city for the second year in a row. In the early part of December the state contest will be judged.

EL RETIRO

The retreat attendance continues at a high level. Thirty-one Air Force cadets were on Retreat, under Fr. Toner's direction, from Monday morning Oct. 31 until the following Thursday. That same night Fr. O'Mara began a regular retreat to 114 men, an all time high for EL Retiro.

On All Saints Day 17 professors from USF made a day of recollection, Fr. Giambastiani conducting the exercises.

The following week two retreats were conducted simultaneously: one in Italian for the members of the Italian Catholic Federation, the other for an English speaking group, a total of 76 being on retreat. Fr. Ephrem Trettel, OFM, conducted the Italian retreat, Fr. Roccati assisting; Fr. Maher gave the retreat to the English speaking group, among whom there were 14 students from University of Santa Clara. Quite frequently a number of these students join a regular retreat over a week-end and are highly appreciative of the opportunity.

Fr. Toner is scheduled to give quite a few retreats to married couples at Casa de Maria at Santa Barbara. He will give one such at the Franciscan retreat house at Phoenix, as well as retreats to women both at the Cenacle in Sacramento and at the Casa in Montecito.

Fr. Leahy conducted the retreat for the Poor Clares at Los Altos. Fr. Maher gave a Day of Recollection as Valombrosa, and will conduct an eight-day retreat for the Trappists at their new monastery at Vina, Calif.

The traditional post-Thanksgiving retreat, beginning on Friday night and ending Sunday night, promises to be well attended, as it usually is. The last retreat of the year will begin December 15, and the first of the New Year on Jan. 5th.

Inspired by an account given by Fr. O'Mara of what various individual retreatants had done for El Retiro, a retreatant has offered a Fatima shrine. This will be erected in due time on the upper level road, on a spot which

is reminiscent of Cova da Iria, and will be a place of devotional pilgrimage.

An interested retreatant has leased parcels of our land for Christmas tree raising. This is a multiple purpose project: it will beautify the grounds, and be a source of income both for lessee and lessor.

The next issue of the Retreat Bulletin will be commemorative of The Ignatian Year.

FRESNO

On the Feast of All Staints, Most Rev. A. J. Willinger, C.SS.R., gave Solemn Benediction in the Seminary Chapel. Frs. Superior (W. Finnegan) and Geary were Deacon and Sub-Deacon respectively. Fr. Brady was M.C.

Frs. D. Finnegan, J. O'Farrell and Harney, who attended the California Teachers Training meeting, were visitors.

Fr. Howard addressed the High School and College Sodality groups.

Fr. Newport gave the Ignatian Exhortation.

MT. ST. MICHAEL'S

November saw many excellent speakers at the Mount. Fr. John Leary returned to continue his series on social conditions in Europe. The highlight was his treatment of the welfare state in Sweden.

Speaking on Right-To-Work Laws, Fr. Jerome L. Toner, O.S.B., well known labor priest, stimulated the scholastics with an up-to-date treatment on union security. On Nov. 14, Fr. William Most, secular priest and author of "Mary in Our Life," gave a talk on Mary, the Co-redemptrix.

In preparation for the Philosophical meeting at Santa Clara, Fr. Kossel lectured to the community on the subject of Truth and Ethics. Fr. Bischof, authority on the Jesuit poet, Hopkins, returned to the Mount to continue his series on the English poet.

LOYOLA HIGH

The monthly Ignatian Year Community Exhortation was given Nov. 17 by Fr. Casassa. His subject was "St. Ignatius and Our Educational Apostolate."

The Sophomore Oratorical Contest will be held on December 16. Each speaker will speak on an aspect of the life of St. Ignatius.

Senior Vincent Scott, having won the district and regional finals in the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Voice of Democracy" contest, is now preparing to compete in the California State Finals. Scott is coached and directed by Mr. Dullea.

Fr. James Naughton, Secretary of the Society, was our guest early this month.

On Nov. 17, Loyola University's staff of counselors addressed and interviewed the seniors and their parents. A staff of over 30, under the direction of Fr. D. Finnegan were on hand. Over 160 Seniors and their parents attended the evening's program.

On the afternoon of Nov. 17 the Jesuit Mothers had their annual meeting in the new library. This was their first meeting in the library, and Fr. Sprague was an able and genial host.

The Loyola Mothers and Dads annual Christmas Dinner will be held in the new gym on Sunday evening, Dec. 4.

Fr. Richardson has been conducting a course at Helpers of the Holy Souls Convent for teachers of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

Mr. Elliott's Glee Club has a demanding schedule ahead of itself. On December 4 they will entertain at the Henry Welch Guild Christmas Party. December 11 they will sing a Christmas program at the 12:15 High Mass at St. Philip's in Pasadena. On the twelfth they will be at the Ambassador Hotel entertaining at the Christmas Luncheon of the Queen of Angels Hospital Women's Auxiliary. December 18 will find them bringing Christmas cheer to the patients at Queen of Angels and St. Vincent's Hospitals and at the home of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Over 550 speakers representing over 20 Catholic and public

schools attended the Southern California Debate League's Novice Individual Tournament, held on the high school campus October 22.

The Class of '29 held its annual reunion last month. They have so far built up a Scholarship fund to $2000. Their goal is $8000. Mr. Fred Huesman '29 has been the driving force behind this project.

The Sodality's mental prayer group is flourishing. Over 20 have been attending each morning's session. Loyola Sodality catechists teach at two missions of the Social Service Sisters located on the East Side within St. Vibiana's parish. These classes are conducted by different groups of soladists four times each week. Work is also done each Saturday morning at the Little Sisters of the Poor.

On November 18 the Loyola Varsity closed its 1955 football season with a 54-21 victory over the Serra Cavaliers. The final league standings show Loyola in third place with a 4-2 Catholic League record. Our athletic hopes now rest with the Varsity Basketball team, Mr. Callanan's JV's, Mr. Tattu's Bees, and Mr. Peinado's Cees.

NOVITIATE

The long Retreat was made Nov. 6 to Dec. 7.

Fr. Hagemann gave the Ignatian Conference for October on Ignatian Optimism. Fr. O'Brien gave the November Conference on the Manifestation of Conscience.

Thirty members of the Jesuit Finance group enjoyed a buffet lunch and tour of the winery on November 13.

Frs. Charlton and Bassett each moderate Christian Family Groups in the area.

Fr. Farraher gave the monthly Casus.

Grape season finally ended on Nov. 16. The crop was good but low in sugar, resulting in a late season and extra brandy to fortify the sweet wines. Bro. Michael Walsh returned from Alma for the season to lend his long experience to the operation.

Numbers. Currently there are six Novice Brothers and five Brother Postulants at Los Gatos. Three other Postulants have been accepted and are due to arrive shortly.

Letters. Bro. James McCormick has used his trusty thirty-five-year-old Waterman pen to send a personal letter and a copy of the folder to some 450 diocesan priests, with the request that they interest solidly pious men in our Jesuit Brothers. Several cordial replies were forthcoming. One of Brother's letters caused the Rev. Chaplain of Serra High, San Mateo, to interest one of the seniors in Los Gatos, with the result that the young man is now one of our Postulants.

Posters. Too much praise cannot be given the Alma Theologians who form the St. Alphonsus Rodriguez Circle. During 1953-55, working quietly and eficiently, this group of Oregon and California Theologians prepared and distributed fourteen separate posters dealing with our Brothers' Way of Life. Throughout the Assistancy, good use was made of 385 copies each time a poster was published. Most of the art work came from the facile brush of Fr. Neill Meany (Ore.) and the remainder from the able brush of Bro. Herbert Gonzalez. Mr. James Dempsey acted as coordinator.

Film. Since its completion last Spring, "Blueprint For A Blackrobe" has been well received, especially by Ours. Mr. James D. Roche's inspirational script and its superb narration by Steve McNally (Warner Bros.), whose brother is Fordham's Fr. Edward McNally, continually receive justly-merited professional and non-professional praise. Each week at Los Altos and Azusa, as well as Pass Christian, Miss., our retreatants remark on the film's spiritual appeal. Bro. William Haas, recently appointed to do full-time recruiting in the Chicago Province, screens "Blueprint" in connection with his talks.

SANTA CLARA

De Saisset Art Gallery — A pleased group of local and peninsula leaders numbering 600 attended the special "Preview Opening" of the de Saisset Art Gallery on the evening of Nov. 17th. The Art Gallery is under the direction of Fr. Pociask and will be open daily, except Monday, from 2 to 4, and 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Scholarship Commission — Fr. Hauck was recently appointed by Governor Knight one of nine Commissioners to direct the State of California Scholarship Program. Over a period of four years the Commission will assign 2,080 Scholarships for a total value of $1,248,000.00 in the State of California. Student recipients will be free to choose either private or public colleges.

Meetings Off Campus — Fr. Hauck, attending a meeting of the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, Oct. 27, in Los Angeles, was elected Vice-President. The purpose of the Association is to protect private colleges against inimical legislation in California.

Fr. Diebels represented Santa Clara at The College Advisement Week for High School Seniors in Los Angeles Oct. 31- Nov. 4, and addressed students at several high schools in Southern California and Phoenix.

Frs. Hauck, Diebels and King attended the semi-annual meeting of the Western College Association in San Francisco, Nov. 11-12. As President of the W.C.A. Fr. Hauck attended two days of committee meetings and presided at the business meeting of the Association.

Frs. Zeman, Watson and Guenther attended the meeting of the Jesuit Finance Administrators at U.S.F. Fr. Zeman presented a paper on the Nature and Functions of the Assn. of Independent California Colleges and Universities. Nov. 10

Frs. Hauck, Diebels, King, Martin, Hayn and Flynn attended the annual meeting of the Southwestern College Unit of N.C.E.A at U.S.F. Fr. Hauck, as member of the Committee of Relations With Other Associations reported at the business meeting.

Fr. Guenther attended a meeting of the National Association of Educational Buyers held at Paso Robles, Nov. 4-5, and presented a paper on "Maintenance of Capital Equipment."

Philosophical Meeting — The American Philosophical Association (S.F. and L.A. branches) met at Santa Clara Nov. 25th. Approximately 100 attended the sessions. Fr. Fagothey was in charge of local arrangements. Some 20 members were overnight guests of the University and Mass services were arranged for visiting priests.

Varia—Santa Clara played host to 53 Brothers on the Feast of St. Alphonsus. Dinner was served in the Adobe Lodge at 4:30.

The Annual Mass for the deceased Faculty and Alumni was celebrated Nov. 8th. The R.O.T.C. Guard and the Bugler lent an impressive atmosphere to the Solemn Mass. Fr. T. Flynn preached the sermon.

The Brothers and Scholastics Recreation Rooms (third floor) have been tastefully renovated and furnished under the direction of Fr. Minister.

The Treasurers and Bursars of Jesuit Colleges of the Assistancy, meeting in San Francisco, toured the campus Nov. 13 and were guests for dinner served in the Adobe Lodge at 4:30.

Fr. Hauck addressed the California Junior College Association convention at Palo Alto Oct. 26. Subject, "Accreditation by Western College Association."

The Debating Team participated in the Regional Tournament at Humboldt State College, Nov. 4-5, and placed second in two events. Mr. Perkins is director.

Fr. Gianera addressed the Santa Clara Kiwanis Club, Nov. 15th. Subject, "Civic Meaning of the University.

Fr. Jos. Martin gave a Thanksgiving talk to the Faculty and Parent Teachers Association of the Grant School in San Jose.

Frs. Hauck and Gianera attend-

ed the all-day Institute of Industry and College Cooperation in S.F. presented by the Council for Financial Aid to Education, and sponsored by Bay Area industrial leaders. The purpose of the Institute is to interest industry in contributing to the support and growth of the colleges.

Bethleiem Steel Co. (Pa.) following its practice of contributing to colleges whose graduates take employment with it in its special 'Loop Course', made and unrestricted gift of $3,000 to the University.

The first Musical Event held in the de Saisset Art Gallery Nov. 21, under the auspices of the Catala Club, drew an appreciative audience of 300 to hear the nationally known concert pianist Theodore Ullmann.

The Santa Clara County Symphonette (55 members) gave its first of a series of concerts Nov. 10th in the Auditorium. Guest Soloist was Yehudi Menuhin. The Symphonette has made the University its home and will rehearse and produce here regularly. Fr. Burman is liaison director.

The San Jose Light Opera Co. produced "The Merry Widow" in the Auditorium Nov. 25-26.

Fr. McAuliffe underwent surgery Nov. 21 for 'hyper-thyroid'.

Fr. Daze, after undergoing surgery, has returned to his duties at Agnews, but is awaiting plastic surgery.

Death in the Assistancy

Fr. David Nugent, on Nov. 11, in Baltimore, Md.

Relatives of Ours

The father of Fr. P. Dowd.

The mother of Fr. F. Dunne.

The mother of Fr. Leonard.